

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIOGA, TEXAS, LIMITING THE NUMBER OF RESIDENCE THAT CAN BE CONNECTED TO A SINGLE WATER METER: PROHIBITING CONNECTION OF MORE THAN ONE (1) SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE TO A WATER METER: PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$500.00 FOR VIOLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS the City of Tioga delivers water and other utilities to residents and non-residents of the City of Tioga; and

WHEREAS the charges for water and sewer by the City of Tioga are based on reading water meters at the point of consumption; and

WHEREAS some users of City water have attached more than one residence to a meter for the purpose of avoiding or reducing charges for such city utilities; and

WHEREAS the failure to pay utility services causes a financial loss and hardship on the entire City of Tioga; and

WHEREAS it is in the public interest and welfare to regulate the number of residences using a single-water meter inside the corporate limits of the City of Tioga, Texas.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIOGA:

SECTION 1. Except as otherwise provided herein no person shall connect more than one (1) single family residence whether that single family residence be a house, mobile home, modular home, trailer house or other portable structure to a single water meter within the corporate limits of the City of Tioga.

SECTION 2. The City of Tioga Utility Department may provide for larger, commercial water meters for multi-family dwellings, apartments, duplexes, triplexes or other multi-family dwellings to be supplied at commercial rates.

SECTION 3. The City of Tioga may disconnect service to any user found to be in violation of the requirement of only one single-family residence per water meter.

SECTION 4. The City of Tioga may charge a minimum charge equal to twice (2 or 2 times) the amount of the water charges registered on any meter found to be in violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall not apply to any necessary adjustment, repair or alteration of a meter by an employee or agent of the utility in the course and scope of his employment.

SECTION 6. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

SECTION 7. WHEREAS, an emergency is apparent for the immediate preservation of order, good government and public safety that requires this ordinance to become effective at once; therefore, upon passage of this ordinance, it shall be effective from and after the date of its passage and publication according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11 DAY OF January, 1992.

Bobby Gray  
Mayor

Attest:

Shirley Hedrick  
City Clerk